

BRITISH APPROACH BAGDAD— GERMAN DROP 15 AIRPLANES

London.—British troops have approached almost within range of Bagdad. Monday British cavalry engaged Turkish rear guard at Laji, nine miles southeast of Ctesiphon.

Paris.—Trench raids and sapping activity gained many German prisoners, while German attempts to penetrate to French trenches were checked with heavy losses.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless.—From March 1 to 3 reports of submarines have arrived indicating ships totaling 204,000 gross tons have been sunk, official press bureau announced.

Fifteen hostile aeroplanes were shot down by German forces on the western front. On the Scarpe, both sides of the Ancre, on the Somme, on the east bank of the Meuse and in Champaign there was lively artillery activity yesterday.

Berlin, via Tuckerton Wireless.—Russian armored cruiser Rurik, 15,000 tons, struck mine in Finland bay and was greatly damaged, official press bureau declared.

"BUZZING BEE" CABARET SCENE OF BUZZING BULLETS

The "Buzzing Bee" cabaret at 35th and Indiana av., long a hang-out for crooks, was the scene of a wild gun battle early this morning. Two women are said to have been among those hit by bullets. The police seem strangely quiet regarding the principals in the revolver battle.

All that the Stanton av. police officials knew, according to their early morning statements, was that three patrolmen, standing in front of the place at 1 a. m. today, heard a number of shots. When they rushed into the cabaret, however, they saw only one gun and that was in the hands of Thomas Kelly, the bartender.

But a story drifting around the neighborhood is to the effect that there were at least a dozen revolvers spitting fire at the height of the

fight, which started when a group of patrons, well-known in the underworld, hissed the singer.

Gene Geary and James Shea, proprietors of the place, were taken to the station along with the battling bartender, Kelly. They were silent.

ROB'T MARCY'S NAME DRAGGED INTO BIG GRAFT STORY

The name of Rob't Marcy, a member of the Illinois state legislature, was dragged into the Costello graft story, according to a statement issued from the state's attorney's office yesterday. According to Ass't State's Att'y Michael Sullivan, who has charge of the office in Hoyne's absence, Marcy is the mysterious "major" named in Police Lieut. White's green book of graft.

Marcy today declared his innocence of connection with the vice ring and said he was a good friend of State's Att'y Hoyne.

"If Hoyne had any charges against me I'm sure he would call me in, because we have been good friends for many years," declared Marcy. "I know Lieut. White, but our relations were only of the cleanest sort."

Meyer Cossman and George Walker were questioned about 18th ward graft last week, it became known yesterday.

The vice situation in this ward is the first matter put before the March grand jury. At least fifty indictments are expected.

PREDICT SETTLEMENT OF NEW DEPOT SCRAP

Settlement of the scrap between the Building Trades Council and the Union Station Co., which has held up work on the new \$50,000,000 depot since last July, was predicted today as a result of the conference called for 2:30 this afternoon between union officials and railroad heads.

Trouble started in July because the union heads claimed that union labor was not employed exclusively as agreed.